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'Christmas is a time of giving—
a time of hope — a time of joy—
Christmas is a beissed time of
love' —
But for everyone, it is a time of
magic—
When troubles melt and once
again the world is young.
It is the time above all others,
when peace may visit earth
find a dwelling place in every
heart' —

From 'Christmas is a Time of Giving" by Joan Walsh Anglund, Harcourt Brace, 1962.

Foryour Christmas gift list add a book — the Appomattox County Library suggest the following:

The Littlest Angel by Charles Tazewell — A treasured Christmas classic to be taken from the shelf and read and re-read as a part of the family Christmas tradition.

The Night Before Christmas by Clement Moore — This poem was published in 1823 one year after it was written by Mr. Moore who was a professor of Oriental and Greek Literature. Prof. Moore wrote it for his own children and since then it has been a favorite. It is from this poem that we get the names of the Christmas reindeer.

Amahl And The Night Visitors by Menotti, Gian — The story of a crippled shepherd boy who entertained the Wise Men on their way to Bethlehem, of the Christ Child, and of the miraculous gift he recieved in return'— The wonder and mystery is felt anew in this Christmas story.

Silent Night: The Story of a Song by Hertha Pauli — The story of one of the best loved Christmas Carols — how it came to be written on Christmas eve in 1818 in a little Austrian village.

Sing for Christmas — by Opal Wheeler — A beautiful large book with lovely illustrations of choice Christmas Carols.

Twelve Days of Christmas: In Pictures by Ilonka Karasz—This traditional old English song was long sung in connection with the Twelfth Night Celebration. Each of the twelve days has its gift—

Christmas Everywhere: A Book Of Christmas Customs of Many Lands by Elizabeth Sechrist —

The Southern Christmas Book by Harnett Kane — You will find in here the story of the first Christmas Tree in Virginia. A young German, Charles Frederick Ernest Minnegerode, who was a student at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia set a Christmas style that has continued in the South to this day. In 1842 he cut a tall fir in the nearest woods and set it up in the parlor of Judge Nathaniel Beverly Tucker. Together with the Tucker children they decorated it with loops, of puffy white-popcorn, dipped nuts and candles held on by bits of wire.

All of the above books may be borrowed from your Appomattox County Library — and with the wish for each of you to have a blessed Christmas we bring the poem **'Christmas Everywhere'—** by Phillips Brooks

Christmas, everywhere, Christmas tonight!
Christmas in lands of the firtree and pine,
Christmas in lands of the palmtree and vine,
Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white,
Christmas where corn fields stand sunny and bright.
Christmas where children are hopeful and gay,
Christmas where old men are patient and gray,
Christmas where peace, like a dove in his flight,
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ASCS Reminds Growers of Deadline

'64 Wool Marketing Program Year Will End Dec. 31; Payment April

Producers were reminded today that the 1964 marketing year under the national wool program ends December 31. According to J. A. Martin, Chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, this means that payments for the current 1964 year will depend on completing all details of marketing either wool or lambs by that date. Marketing completed after Dec. 31, 1964 will be eligible for payments for the 1965 marketing year.

The Chairman explained that the 1964 marketing year under the wool program is the first full yearto operate on a calendar year basis. Producers are urged not to let the deadline slip by, thinking that the current program's end is several months away, as under earlier programs.

Producers should make sure that all details of the 1964 sales are completed not later than Dec. 31, 1964. This includes passing title to the buyer, delivering the wool to the buyer either physically or through documents transferring control to the buyer, and having available all the information needed to determine the buyer's total purchase price.

Applications for the 1964 marketing year payments under the National Wool Act may be filed with the ASCS county office any time between now and the end of January 1965. The 1964 payments will likely begin in April of next year.

The National Wool Act was enacted in 1954 to encourage the domestic production of wool.

Robinson Hopes For Continued County Friendship

LOVINGSTON — Calvin Robinson, of Appomattox, was guest speaker at the annual Christmas party of the Nelson County Men's Club at the Lovingston Hotel Tuesday night.

It was ladies night and a dinner meeting. J. B. M. Carter, assisted by Mrs. Carter, awarded gifts, which had been donated by merchants in the county, to those present.

Robinson was introduced by J. B. M. Carter. He gave a talk concerning Nelson County and Rockfish Valley, and also Lovingston. He said he hoped Nelson County and his county, Appomattox, would always be together.

Robinson also continued his talk concerning his experience from Virginia to California and other parts of our country.

Hair-Do, Not Ox Needed Rescue

It was Sunday. The "ox" had not fallen — (into a ditch). It was a "hair-do" that had fallen apart, the result of rain and fog and holiday rushing. So one of our most talented beauticians did a fast comb-out, "lease" and stiff hair spray application which put a singer back on the risers of the Appomattox Civic Chorus in time for Sunday night's appearance at the high school.

Airman M. E. Dana Assigned To AFB McChord, Wash.

AMARILLO, Tex. — Airman Third Class Marshall E. Dana, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Dana, of North Promfret, Vt., has graduated from the training course for U. S. Air Force aircraft structural repairmen at Amarillo AFB, Tex.

Airman Dana, a graduate of Woodstock (Vt) Union High School, is being reassigned to McChord AFB, Wash., for duty.

The airman, who attended Castleton (Vt.) State College, entered the Air Force in June.

Rebellettes To Take "Vacation"

Rebellettes played Nelson here Tuesday evening, and will be a Christmas "vacation" until January 8, Friday when they meet William Campbell High in the first Home game of the new year.

Two players were unintentionally omitted from the write-up of players published in the TIMES Dec. 3. They are Faye Arrington, sophomore team member and Debbie Thomas, senior. Good luck to these players and to the entire team of Rebellettes who are making such a good record for AHS!

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Vera 4-H

The Vera 4-H Club met Dec. 9, 1964. Brenda Almond had charge of devotion and Alton Lucado led our prayer.

Mr. Marvin Jacobs was our speaker. He spoke on "Loyalty". He reminded us that in all things we should do our best and that loyal hearts are ever needed.

We repeated our 4-H and United States pledge. Adourned to meet again in January.

Brenda Almond, Reporter

FBLA Holds Party

The regular monthly meeting of F.B.L.A. was held December 3, 1964. The meeting was called to order by the president, Ann Carmick. Lillian Adams gave devotions.

Refreshments were served for our Christmas party.

Editor's Mailbox

Dear Editor:

Thanks for publishing the article on Mr. Jeff Kinney's close communion with God While in Veteran's Hospital.

Thanks Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for you and yours.

Myrtle Kinney

TIMES Weekly Paper
Appomattox, Va.

SIR:

One of my sisters-in-law, Mrs. Wayne, told me about your paper — and insamuch as that is where my husband and I both came from, we were happy to know we can receive news from these parts' each week.

Thank you and a very Merry Christmas to everyone.

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Evan's 4-H Club

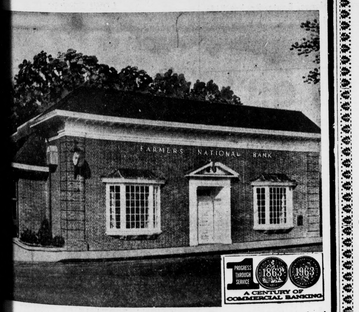
Mrs. Evan's 4-H Club met December 8, 1964. The president called the meeting to order after which Lucre was a short devotion. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. The song leaders lead us in two songs: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Lue vice-president introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Jack Adams. He talked with us about "The Well - Rounded You". The meeting was then adjourned.

Reporter, Steve

Thanks Chorus For Presentation

Mrs. Bessie Seay called the TIMES office early Monday morning to express her thanks and the thanks of others for the Appomattox Civic Chorus presentation, the MESSIAH, given Sunday evening at the Appomattox High School.

This was Mrs. Seay's first opportunity to hear the Chorus. She said, "The Chorus deserves a lot of credit for their beautiful singing" and for the time they spent in preparing the MESSIAH.



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The Pastor Speaks

Rev. Thomas Waddill

We continue this week with suggestions on how to make our hospital visits more effective. Most of these suggestions pertain to visiting sick persons at home also.

Remember, in visiting that is to the patient, not other visitors whom we have come to see. This does not mean completely to ignore others in the room but direct your major interest toward the one who is sick. There have been cases where the patient turned over and went to sleep while those who came to "see" him visited among themselves. If there are too many visitors, for all to talk directly with the patient there are too many! After speaking to the patient (Beware of the bone crushing handclasp) position yourself where he can see you easily. He may be lying on his side and then have to go through many contrutions to look at you as you talk.

5. Share news of those in whom the patient is interested. It should be cheerful if possible, but accurate information, even if depressing, about those in whom the patient is interested is better than suspense. Don't try to make the patient feel better by telling him how much worse off someone else is nor make such observation as "I knew a fellow who had what you have and he died. The doctors couldn't do a thing for him".

Don't visit when you are sick. You may be well enough to go to work, but still spread flu or cold, germs in the hospital. Patients in the hospital already have enough troubles without bringing them more.

7. Do not whisper or speak in low tones around the patient. He will surely think you are discussing bad news about him. Also be careful about what you say when the patient is asleep or in a coma. A doctor once said to a nurse where a woman was in a coma, "There's nothing more we can do for her. Just try to make her comfortable as long as she lasts." Later the woman, who recovered, said, "That made me so mad I had to get well so I could tell that doctor what I thought of him."

8. Above all, don't visit too long! Whether it be family, friends, or pastor, the principle applies. Because the general public will not observe this principle, hospitals have to restrict visiting hours. If a person is very ill, the visiting (sometime) seem is long enough. If other visitors are present the length of times should be shorter than if there have been no visitors that day. Only rarely should a visit exceed 30 minutes unless the patient feels extra good and for some reason wants the visitor to remain longer. Family members who are staying with the patient to look after his needs are naturally not included in this restriction. Do not let the patient set the length of your visit (unless he asks you to leave). He is not likely to realize how tired he will later. Neither be misled by polite statements such as 'O don't go yet". He may really want to say, "I wish you would hurry up and leave." When taking children to visit parents, remember that their visit will tire the patient quicker than that of an adult. Use your good sense and make your visit brief. Your friend or relative will be grateful.

Fourth Grade 4-H Begins Project

Our 4-H meeting was held last Thursday with our director, Mr. Jim Smith. He told us the meaning of our motto, pledge, and many other things. We started our entomology project.

Debbie Rowe, Reporter

BIBLE SPEAKS

By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Matthew 1.
Devotional Reading: Isaish 40: 1-5.

"God With Us"

Lesson for December 20, 1964

What do we see most at Christmas? A fat "saint" who probably never lived; babies; manger scenes; sleighs (who see real ones any more?); wreaths and poinsettias. But these are not the real Christmas. The day is a birthday. Never mind the fact that the date is almost certainly not the date on which Jesus was born; grained that the dale and the festival were not specially noted until about three hundred years later. The fact is, this is the day now marked off by the church as an annual celebration of the birth of our Lord. It is not meant to be a day for glamorizing motherhood or babyhood; not a day best celebrated in department stores. Santa Claus will do as a happy make-believe; but Santa is not the meaning of the day. If we celebrate it as the Lord's birthday, we may as well say we are at the same time celebrating the birthday of the world.

The Two Names of Jesus

We can put together two sentences about the name of Jesus. When a baby is born, visitors who come to admire ask as a first question: What do you think you'll name her or him?" The baby born at Bethlehem, whatever the year, whatever the weather, had been named before he was born. It's a very interesting thing Matthew says here. The child is to be called Jesus, the angel told Joseph; and Matthew comments that this fulfills a prophecy which says plainly Emmanuel. So far as the New Testament goes, no one actually called Jesus Emmanuel. The family did not, his mother did not, the writers of the New Testament generally use other ways of speaking of him. Every reader is entitled to his own guess as to why this was, and why Matthew sees in "Jesus" the fulfilling of the prophecy that his name would be called Emmanuel. (Immanuel is, of course, just another spelling, meaning the same thing exactly, God with us.) The guess ventured here is this: Jesus was so to speak his public name; Emmanuel was a private name even Jesus never used it — one might say God's name for his son; we might say that the private name explains the public name.

Name of an Army Man

Nobody in Jesus time could have been surprised by the name he bore. No doubt many boys had the same. Just as boys to this day are named for George Washington and Robert E. Lee, so boys in those days were named now and then for Joshua, the famous army man, one of Israel's heroes in her hall of fame. The name Jesus and the name Joshua are just the same in Hebrew, Jesus' own language. The name means deliverer, rescuer, one who comes to the help of those in distress. The name has also a tinge of triumph about it. It means a conquering hero, one who delivers by beating down the enemy. The name would suggest something like a gallant knight of feudal times, his sword unsheathed for the defense of the weak and helpless, rescuing prisoners from dungeons. In olden times men had given the name "Messiah" to the hoped-for Deliverer; and the language of many of the prophets used had led people to think the Coming One would be a great military man, saving the Jews from the Greeks or the Romans as the case might be. But the name Jesus was never taken by Jesus in a military way. He raised no army, would not accept even an army of angels if it were offered Roman empire, not Pilate, not Herod. It was Evil in every form, it was most of all Sin. Sin is the worst tyrant that ever choked the life out of men who should be free. Every time we hear the name Jesus, we are meant to think of him as the deliverer from sin.

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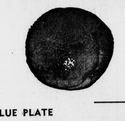

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